# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Science Centres and planetariums presently set up in the country and its functions thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Science Centres and Planetariums in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof: and

(d) the time by which such Centres and Planetariums are likely to be set up?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) : There are 27 Science Centres developed and run by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM),an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture. In addition, 13 Science Centres have been developed by NCSM but run by State/UT authorities. Some of the Science Centres have planetarium as its component. The function of a science centre is to develop scientific attitude and temper and to create,inculcate and sustain a general awareness amongst the people.

(b) to (d): Setting up of Science Centres is a part of the ongoing programme of Ministry of Culture under the Science Cities scheme. The proposals received under the Scheme from various State Governments including Tamil Nadu from time to time are examined by the Government of India in conformity with the approved norms/guidelines of the scheme subject to availability of resources.